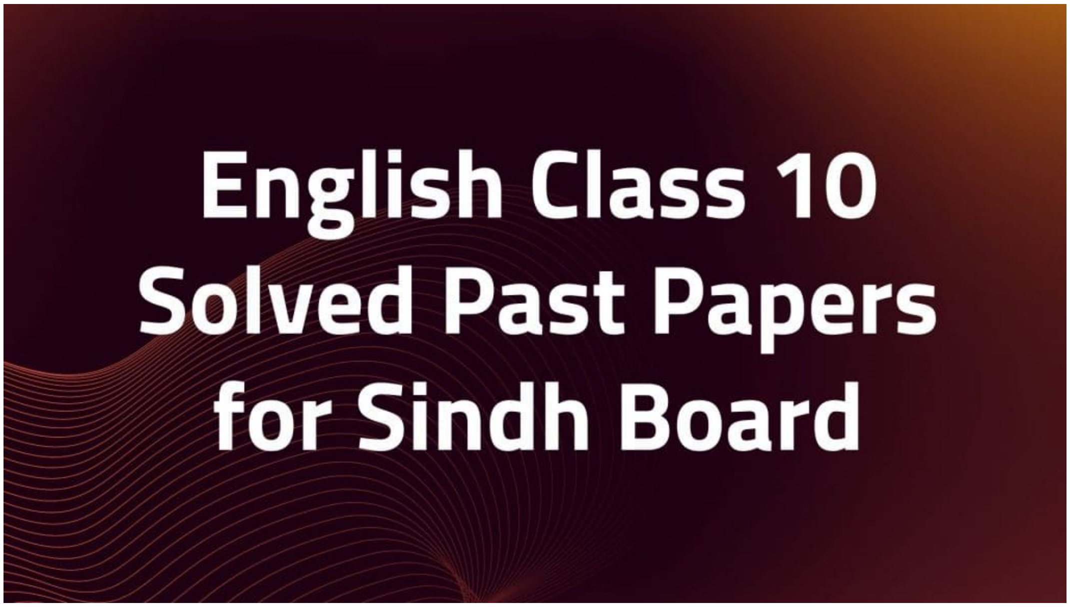
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i) Choose the correct degree of underlined word:

Nazim is the tallest boy in my class.

A. Positive degree
B. Comparative degree
C. Superlative degree
D. None of these
Answer:
C. Superlative degree

ii) Select the correct meaning of "Anonymous":

A. Well known poet
B. Unknown poet
C. Unknown engineer
D. Well known engineer
Answer:
B. Unknown poet

iii) Choose the correct name of the poet:

The poem "The Hand That Rocks The Cradle" is composed:

A. Charles Mackay
B. Louis I. Newman
C. Robert Louis Stevendon

D. William Ross Wallace
Answer:
D. William Ross Wallace

iv) Choose the correct Compression of:

That which cannot be conquered.

A. Invincible
B. Inedible
C. Illegible
D. Impossible
Answer:
A. Invincible

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v) Choose the correct Interrogative sentences:

She takes exercises **daily in the morning.**

A. She does not take exercise daily in the morning.
B. She does not take exercise daily in the morning.
C. She did not take exercise daily in the morning.
D. She does not take exercise daily in the morning.
Answer:
B. She does not take exercise daily in the morning.

vi) Choose the correct Interrogative sentence:

You have been napping in the class for the last 30 minutes.

A. Have you been napping in the class for the last 30?
B. Had you been napping in the class for the last 30 minutes?
C. Have you napped in the class for the last 30 minutes?
D. Have you been napping in the class for the last 30 minutes?
Answer:
A. Have you been napping in the class for the last 30?

vii) Select the correct Past participle form of 'Break':

A. Broke
B. Broken
C. Breaking
D. Broking
Answer:
B. Broken

viii) Select the correct part of speech:

The word that qualifies a noun or a pronoun is called a/an:

A. Verb
B. Adverb

C. Conjunction
D. Adjective
Answer:
D. Adjective

ix) Insert a suitable Article:

He is __________ S.S.P in the interior ministry:

A. a
B. an
C. the
D. noun
Answer:
B. an

xi) Select the correct Passive Voice:

I have chosen a lovely camera:

A. A lovely camera has been chosen by me.
B. A lovely camera will have been chosen by me.
C. A lovely camera has been chosen by me.
D. A lovely camera had been chosen by me.
Answer:
A. A lovely camera has been chosen by me.

xii) Select the correct Active voice:

By whom is the car being driven recklessly?

A. Who drives the car recklessly?
B. Who drove the car recklessly?
C. Who is driving the car recklessly?
D. Who was driving the car recklessly?
Answer:
C. Who is driving the car recklessly?

xiii) Choose the correct Indirect Narration:

I said to him, "Where do you live?"

A. I asked him where did he live?
B. I asked him where he lives?
C. I asked him where he lived?
D. I asked him that where he lived?
Answer:
C. I asked him where he lived?

xiv) Choose the correct Direct Narration:

The child exclaimed that the film was very terrible.

A. The child said, “How terrible this film is!”
B. The child said, ” How terrible that film was!”
C. The child exclaimed, “This film is very terrible!”
D. The child exclaimed, “That film was very terrible!”
Answer:
A. The child said, “How terrible this film is!”

xv) Select the correct Assertive sentence:

Did I **meet him very warmly yesterday?**

A. I did not meet him very warmly yesterday.
B. I do not meet him very warmly yesterday.
C. I do not meet him very warmly yesterday.
D. I did not meet him very warmly yesterday.
Answer:
A. I did not meet him very warmly yesterday.

What did the Caliph say to Qazi after the hearing of both?

After listening to the hearings of both the Caliph said to the Qazi, “I think this case is not very difficult to decide.” “I shall decide it in a minute. Tell these men to place their hands on the horse one by one. Let the beggar do it first.”

Name some of the machines used in modern farms.

Some of the important machines which are used in modern farms are:
. Combine
. Thresher
. Tractor

Read the following passage & answer the questions given below

If we want to live in peace and happiness, we must know our duties and rights. Duties come first because rights are only the reward that we get for performing our duties well. A democratic government expects its citizens to do their duties earnestly and honestly. In return, it must give them rights. A good government takes upon itself, the responsibility of protecting the life and property of the citizens and guarantees freedom for them. In other words, it promises a citizen that his freedom is safe and can enjoy it thoroughly.

i) How can we live in peace and happiness?
ii) When do we get our rights?
iii) What does the government promise to its citizens?
iv) What responsibility does the government take upon?
v.a) Give opposite of ‘freedom’.
v.b) Make noun form of ‘Protect’.

Answer:
i) If we want to live in peace and happiness, we must know our duties and rights.
ii) A democratic government expects its citizens to do their duties earnestly and honestly. In return, it must give them rights.

iii) A good government takes upon itself, the responsibility of protecting the life and property of the citizens and guarantees freedom for them.
iv) The government promises a citizen that his freedom is safe and can enjoy it thoroughly.
v.a) Opposite of ‘freedom’ is ‘Slavery’
v.b) Noun form of ‘Protect’ is ‘Protection’

OR

Write a note on any one of the following:
i) Distribution of the Property b/w Azam & Moazzam.
ii) The Khyber Pass.
iii) Village wedding ceremonies of the Punjabis.

Answer:
i) Distribution of the Property b/w Azam & Moazzam.
After the death of their father, the two brothers Azam (the elder) and Moazzam (the younger) inherited a cow, a palm tree and a blanket. Azam being the elder brother gave the suggestion of division to Moazzam to which he agreed. Azam was a shrewd sort of a person so he showing his generosity gave the front part of the cow and the lower part of the date palm tree to Moazzam. With respect to the blanket,

Azam suggested that for the whole day it would be with Moazzam whereas, for the short period of the night, he would be using it. Moazzam agreed to the division as he was sure that being the elder brother Azam must divide all the property fairly and equally. He further blindly believed that whatever division Azam would make must be in his favour as Azam gave him the better part of the cow and date tree and generously asked him to use the blanket for the whole day.

ii) The Khyber Pass.
Khyber Pass is of significant importance not only in present days but in past times as well. It is basically a narrow mountain valley in the province of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. It is about fifty kilometres long. The Aryans crossed Khyber Pass nearly four thousand years ago in order to enter Pakistan. Sultan Mahmood Ghaznavi crossed the Khyber Pass seventeen times in order to attack South Asia. The valiant tribesmen of the province of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa use to live in the mountains of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. They are the defenders of Pakistan in a true sense.

These brave men fought courageously against the mighty British Empire even under British rule over our country. They fought for a long period of a hundred years and truly defended their freedom. The Khyber Pass has been a famous trade route in the past as well as in the present times. In history, camel caravans were the vital source for transporting goods from one place to another. As time moves rapidly especially in the field of transport with the inventions of vehicles, the camel caravans have been replaced mostly by trains, lorries, and trucks.

iii) Village wedding ceremonies of the Punjabis.
Weddings in Punjab are being celebrated with full pomp and show. Punjabi culture is one of the oldest in world history. Punjabi weddings are fully traditional. Punjabis weddings are full of dances, traditional food colourful dresses, etc. The four main ceremonies of the wedding are Mayun, Mehandi, Barat, and Walima. The first event is mayun which is celebrated in the bride’s home with her family members and friends only. In this event, the bride wears yellow shalwar kameez and she is made free from all the domestic chores. In this event, all the dear ones gather and sing and dance and bless the bride. Second is Mehandi, in this event, all people gather and apply henna (Mehandi) to bride hands and feet and also all the girls apply henna on their hands as well.

Boys dance these traditional dances like bhangra etc. There is a huge firework. After that is the Barat in which there is a Nikkah ceremony and then the bride is being sent with the groom. There they do some cultural rituals with bride and groom. The family celebrates the arrival of Bahu in their house. After that, on the next day, there is the Islamic ceremony of Walima (the marriage banquet) in which a grand feast is arranged for all the dear ones of bride and groom they come to meet and greet the couple and give them blessings. These ceremonies are a moment of happiness and pleasure for families and love ones.

Write an application to the Headmaster/ Headmistress of your school, requesting him/ her to issue a sports certificate for joining a local sports club.



Application:
The Principal,
School A.B.C.
City D.E.F.
Subject: Request for the Issuance of a Sports Certificate
Respected Madam/Sir,
It is submitted that I am a student of your respective institution for the last five years. I get the second position in board and stood 1st in school. I am an NCC student and the captain of the School's Football Team as well. I have taken part in many school sports competition and we have won that as well. I have taken part in many other sports as well where I have performed very well.
As I want to join the local sports club now so for that I need my sports certificate. Therefore, I request to issue the sports certificate to me at the earliest possible time.
I shall be highly obliged for this favour.
Yours Sincerely,
X.Y.Z.
Dated: Jan 7, 2019

Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper, complaining against the shortage of water supply in the city.

Letter:
The Editor,
The News,
Rawalpindi.
Subject: Complaint against the shortage of water supply
Respected Sir
I am a resident of one of the posh areas of the city but still, we are facing the serious problem of water supply in our area. It has become a very big problem in our daily lives. There is hardly any area in the city which is not affected by this problem. The whole city and system are paralyzed for the time being. We are suffering from this problem for a couple of days.
Due to this frequent shortage of water, we are totally handicapped as we are not able to do normal daily work as per routine. It has become very difficult for the housewives to do household chores. We do not have water for normal use and not even to drink. It has become a headache thereby obstructing our daily life routine.
I, therefore, request you to publish the letter in your newspaper to highlight this problem so the concerned authorities pay attention to the issue and would try to solve it on an urgent basis so we feel relaxed and tension free. I will be highly obliged.

Yours faithfully,
X.Y.Z.

Write a dialogue between father and son, discussing about the importance of the public library for the students.



Answer:
Dialogue:
Father: What are you reading there son?
Son: It is the new superman comic, I just got it this afternoon from a friend in school.
Father: It is very nice that you have a habit of reading, but you should concentrate on reading more appropriate material.
Son: But I read my comics as a source of enjoyment not for educational purposes.
Father: You can read for enjoyment and educational purposes all at the same time. It only depends on what you read.
Son: Which books do you suggest I read?
Father: You should read classic literature or perhaps detective novels. They will help improve your vocabulary and your writing skills. And I know you will enjoy the mystery in them.
Son: That does sound interesting. But from where I can get such books.
Father: I have some great Sherlock Holmes novels that I am certain you will like very much. I went to the nearest public library and spend some good quality time there with books.
Son: Yes father but we do not have any public library near to our home as you are well aware of this thing.
Father: Ah! Well, you are right there is a great need for public libraries in every area. Public libraries are very beneficial for all the people and even all the people cannot afford the private library.
Son: Yes father, we also need lots of books related to our subjects as we cannot purchase those.
Father: Public libraries are a great source of getting knowledge. Public libraries are very important for students. There is more need for public libraries. But I will suggest to you, that even if they are far away you should visit the library and ought to read educational books.
Son: Great I would love to try them. Thank you for the suggestion.

Q.7) Write an essay on any of the following topics.

1. Importance of Muslim Unity.
2. An interesting PSL4 Cricket Match.
3. A visit to Hilly Areas of Pakistan.
4. Celebration of Independence Day.

i) Importance of Muslim Unity.

Unity means oneness. A nation is said to be united and have unity when all the people of that nation have the same ideas, beliefs, and thoughts and they work together in harmony. We all know this famous proverb that Union is strength. That means that Muslims from all around the world should be united.
A famous English proverb says, “United we stand, divided we fall”. Our beliefs, ideas, and thoughts are the same. We believe in the same thing, we have the same principles and code of conduct. Muslims need to join hands with one another and work together with love and dignity.
Allah has blessed Muslims with lots of natural resources. It is necessary that we work with one another. If we start to trade with one another then we will progress by leaps and bounds and no power can stop us from our gigantic progress.

Independent Muslim countries should first be stronger themselves and then they should be united to save the other Muslims around the world who are in oppression or threatened by enemy attack. Many non-muslims countries have strategies against Muslims. To deal with such conspiracies, first, we should be united. If we will be united then we can face any challenge against us.

Muslims should not forget the moral values of honesty, selflessness, fraternity, and brotherhood. We should stick together and should not enlarge our minor disputes and quarrels. If we look at the past history of the Muslims we will come to know that they ruled the whole world just because of their unity and strength. Now the weakest we Muslims are weakest because we do not have that understanding and unity like our ancestors.
Unity has much importance if we Muslims are united and work together and forgive one another’s mistakes and small disputes then we will rise as the strongest army in the world and will reign the world then no power can stop us.

ii) An interesting PSL4 Cricket Match.

Cricket always holds a special place in our life. Basically, we Pakistani all are cricket lovers. All of us used to watch the matches of football and tennis too but cricket is something for which we all Pakistanis can do anything. This liking has its roots in our childhood and as time passes by it turns into a strong tree. Our whole nation hardly skips any cricket match of our team. But when it comes to the PSL, the Nation goes crazy. Because PSL is all related to Pakistan. PSL Pakistan Super League is the Twenty 20 cricket League founded in Lahore on the 9th of September 2015 with 5 teams initially but now it comprises 6 teams.

PSL 4 was the 4th edition of the Pakistan Super League. This whole PSL featured six teams and it was started from 14th February 2019 to 17th March 2019. In this edition, twenty-six matches were played in the UAE and the rest were played in Pakistan.

The most exciting match of PSL 2019 was its final which was played between Peshawar Zalmi and Quetta Gladiator. It was played on 17th March 2019 at National Stadium in Karachi Pakistan. Quetta Gladiators won the toss and elected to field. In the first innings opener were Imam-ul-Haq and Kamran Akmal of Peshawar Zalmi. Zalmi played really well and scored 138 by losing 8 wickets in 20 overs.

The 2nd inning was of Quetta Gladiators. The match opener was Ahmed Shehzad who scored 58. Throughout the whole match, Shehzad was the phenomenal player who helped Gladiators to achieve their target in just 17.5 overs. Gladiators won their PSL title by beating Zalmi by eight wickets. It was a very thrilling match and I enjoyed watching it a lot.

iii) A visit to the Hilly Areas of Pakistan.

I always wanted to plan a trip to the hilly areas but never got an opportunity until last year. I was done with my final exams and now I was keen on visiting someplace. Our school was closed for summer vacations. The weather was very hot in Karachi. My parents decided to go to Murree and some other hilly areas of Pakistan. My siblings and I also accompanied them. It was my first journey to hilly areas so I was very excited.
We packed our luggage and after making some necessary arrangements, we took a train from Karachi to Rawalpindi. The railway journey was rather tiresome so we decided to stay in a hotel in Rawalpindi for a night and travel to Murree on the following day. From Rawalpindi, we went to Murree by bus. We reached there within two hours at about 2:00 pm in the afternoon.

The hotels in hill stations are known to be quite expensive but my father managed to book two rooms in a three-star hotel on nominal charges. We were quite tired so we settled ourselves comfortably. In the evening, we sat around the bonfire and enjoyed listening to a local musician singing beautiful songs while playing the piano. The cool breeze and the serenity of the place at night presented a spectacular view.

The following morning, we came out to have a view of the hills. The scenery was enchanting. The gigantic trees were covered with white snow. The little birds with feathers of exquisitely charming colours sitting on the trees pleased our ears with their sweet notes. The houses were built in an irregular way and very often, the top of one was at the level of the door of another. I found this to be very interesting. We walked and walked. At last, we came to Kashmir Point, which was a beautiful spot of nature with a very lovely view. Nature seemed to be in its full glory. It was a new experience for me so I was spellbound by the beauty of nature.

From there we went to Abbottabad to explore the beauty of that place also. We went first to Hanoi lake which was very beautiful. It was in the middle of the mountains filled with natural beauty. We boated there and spent a few times in the water, then we moved to Sam under Katha lake. While we were on the way back, dark clouds gathered in the sky. It began to rain heavily. We hurried back to the hotel but we were completely drenched by the time we reached our rooms. There was a heavy downpour throughout the night. When it was dawn, the rain

stopped. The sun rose in its full glory, investing the trees, flowers, hills, birds, and animals with a golden light. We explored all the places of Abbottabad in three days.

After that, we went out to see the Swat valley and Malam Jabba. Sawat is a beautiful fine valley. The entire area is covered with natural beauty. We saw a freshwater stream over there. The pure crystal water of the stream was flowing from rock to rock and producing a piece of gentle music, which seemed to creep into my soul. Malam Jabba was also a very beautiful and enchanting place.

A visit to the hills fills one with the inspiration and glory of God. An unknown joy slipped into our souls and we returned home filled with the wonder and ecstasy of Nature.

iv) Celebration of Independence Day.

Independence Day of Pakistan is celebrated on 14th August. This glorious day is a landmark in the history of the country. Special programs are arranged in all big and small towns and rural areas and people decorate the buildings and their houses with lights and Pakistani flags.
People in Pakistan become crazy about the arrival of the month of August. It is the day when Muslims got independence from the oppression of non-muslims. After 14th August 1947 every year, Pakistanis all around the world celebrate this day. But this celebration is more in bloom in Pakistan.
People decorate their houses, streets, roads, market places, offices, etc with the flags of Pakistan. This day is celebrated like a festival. They celebrate this day with full zeal, zest, and fervour.

People all around the country celebrate it in a different way. Some people dress up in green and white and hoist flags on their homes. People love to visit Historical places on this day and on such places different events related to Independence day are organized. The preferred places are Minar-e-Pakistan, Quaid-e-Azam Mausoleum, monuments, etc.
On this day different functions are arranged in school and colleges as well where students warmly participate. Students debate, sing national songs, do speeches about independence, about our great leaders. Children enjoy these days to their fullest.

Pakistanis all around the world celebrate this day wherever they are living. They unite on this day and do some functions to celebrate the happiness of independence. People offer prayers as well to thank Allah Almighty for this blessing of independence. Our leaders and ancestors have sacrificed a lot to give us this independent country. We should value their sacrifices. It is now our responsibility to work for the progress of this country and work for its unity. This day is a reminder of our duties towards our country. We should be well aware of them and fulfil them.

Fill in the blanks with suitable contextual words.

i) Riding a bicycle is a joy, when one is _____________ .
ii) _______ battle don't always go to the stronger or faster man.
iii) Perfect will its _______ be, through the wick's deficiency.
iv) ________ is one of the best expression of a teacher's status and dignity.
v) Only _________ reading can a person keep up with the lates development in his own field.
vi) When the drains are _________ dirty water spills all over.
vii) Brave men who work while others __________ .
viii) "Treasure Island" & "Kidnapped" are well known novels of _______ .

Answer:
i) Riding a bicycle is a joy, when one is **young**.
ii) **<u>Life</u>** battle don't always go to the stronger or faster man.
iii) Perfect will its **<u>luster</u>** be, through the wick's deficiency**.**
iv) **<u>Akhund</u>** is one of the best expression of a teacher's status and dignity.
v) Only **wide** reading can a person keep up with the latest development in his own field.
vi) When the drains are **<u>full</u>** dirty water spills all over.
vii) Brave men who work while others **<u>sleep</u>.**
viii) "Treasure Island" & "Kidnapped" are well-known novels of **Robert <u>Louis Stevenson</u>.**

Explain with the reference of context: (Poem)

> *And said " No chains shall sully thee,*
>
> *Thou soul of love and bravery!*
>
> *Thy songs were made for pure and free*
>
> *They shall never sound in slavery!"*

i) Name the poem and the poet/ poetess.
ii) Who was the speaker by profession and why did he go to the war?
iii) Do you agree with the main theme, conveyed through the poem? Why?

Answer:
Reference:
These lines have been taken from the poem **“The Minstrel Boy”** written by **Thomas Moore.**

Context:
This whole poem revolves around a patriotic young boy who fought with the enemies bravely for the defence of his country. He was a brave and heir of the bravery from his father. He spent his whole life facing the enemies bravely, he preferred death over slavery.

Explanation:
In these lines, the poet tells about the minstrel boy who got caught by the enemies and was about to kill. Poet tells that minstrel boy says that he will be dead soon but they will not be able to make him their slave there are no chains that can catch his pure and brave soul. As he was wounded he broke his harp because his harp was very dear for him with which he sang the songs for the free and pure people. Now he does not want to sing for the enemies and tyrant people. He prefers to damage it then to handle it over him and his harp to enemies so he chooses the death and also breaks his harp.

- The name of the poem is **“The Minstrel Boy”** and the poet of this poem is **Thomas Moore.**
- The speaker was a singer by profession he went to the war to protect his homeland from the enemies.
- Yes, I do agree with the theme conveyed in this poem. According to me, slavery is like a curse and one should not accept that in any case, it is better to die for the homeland than to be the slave of the enemy for the rest of the whole life. To die in honour is better than to die in the prison of the enemy.

Explain with the reference of context: (Prose)

> *“The Muslims of the world, who have great love and respect for him, will remember him as a noble and pious Muslim leader”*

1. Name the lesson and actual name of the English Textbook from which has this extract been taken.
2. What did the personality of the lesson do to unite the Muslims of the world?
3. When and by whom was he martyred?

Answer:
Reference:
These lines have been taken from them lesson **King Faisal.**
Context:
This whole lesson is all about King Faisal who was the King of Saudi Arabia. King Faisal did great work to develop his country. King Faisal was a religious person and loved to practice the principles of Islam to the maximum.
Explanation:
These lines tell, all about King Faisal who did a lot for the Muslims of the world. In these lines, it is said that he earned lots of love from all the Muslims of the world that even after his death all the Muslims will remember him in good terms as a kind, gentle and religious person. Muslims have lots of love in their hearts for him.

- The name of this lesson is **King Faisal.** The actual name of the English Textbook from which has this extract been taken is Secondary Stage English Book Two For Class X.
- He showed great concern towards the problems and difficulties of the Muslim nations and always stepped forward to provide the best solution to them. He selected the right path in order to save the Muslims from desolation planned by the West. He always supported the Muslims at their hard times which created an exemplary effect on the Muslims. He was of the opinion that the one and only solution to the problems which the Muslims world is currently facing lies in the unity among the Muslims. He put emphasis on the need of brotherhood among the Muslims.

- King Faisal received unjust treatment from one of his malicious nephews, who is blind with the radiance of riches and crown killed the great King Faisal on 25th March 1975.

Why did the poet climb the steeple and what happened when he reached there?

The author climbed the steeple in the hope to hear the graceful voice of God. God told him to go down again because he lives among the people and he has to spend his life days while living in the midst of the sea and the people.

Why did King Bruce of Scotland hide in a cave?

King Bruce of Scotland fought six battles against the British army but lost all six. With the defeat, he lost all his hope and became so disappointed that he decided to hide him in a cave somewhere away from the questioning eyes of his people and victorious cheers of the British army.

Why do you think that speaking gently is a heavenly quality?

Speaking gently is a heavenly quality because it is that quality that is totally divine. Speaking gently or mildly means paving the way smoothly in someone's heart forever. It is that quality that helps to make you beloved by every single person without doing any effort. Words are the most powerful weapons which can make or break the heart and if we make them comfortable with our words then our Lord will be happy with us as well. That's why it is that quality by adopting which you can make Lord and people both happy.

What does "These Hands must be folded be" mean?

The poetess means by "these hands must folded be" that her mother reaches quite an old age and she must die soon. It is this thought that makes the poetess sad and gloomy imagining her mother lying in her grave beneath the ground with daisies above with her beautiful wrinkled hands that must be folded on her chest serenely.

Why does the proud father announce the birth of a son boy by riffle shots?

The proud father announces the birth of a son boy by riffle shots because the birth of a son is regarded as a great blessing for the whole family.

How did Mr Inayat convince Akhtar not to mind working with his own hands in the future?

Mr Inayat told him about the life of our Holy Prophet ﷺ he quoted many examples of the Holy Prophet`s life how he did all his household chores by himself and how he joined hands with his companions in digging the trench outside Medina. Then he also told him that when he was in a hostel abroad he swept his room and cleaned his bathroom himself. He told him about how he worked in a hotel and washed dishes for money when he needed extra money. These things made him understand that there is no shame in doing any sort of work.

What did the African farmer do in the absence of Cattle?

In the absence of cattle, the farmer had to plough the fields with his hands, carry the load to the market and walk long distances. He may, however, keep a goat for milk, and poultry for eggs.

How did the acrobat entertain the people at the village fair?

The acrobat started walking on a tight rope. He walked on to the end of the rope and then started climbing up the pole. When he reached the top end he laid down flat balancing himself on the pole. It was a quite dangerous performance. A little carelessness could result in a fall, but he came down performance.